An Investigation by an Expert Tax Official Shows Surprising Figures-sa Remedy Suggested

The following report made by an expert tax official on a most important matter is of particular interest just at this time; it was made to Aiken county

To Jas. L. Quinby, A. S. Seigler and W. E. Mealing.

Gentlemen: The board of equalization in March, 1900, appointed you, with myself to investigate certain returns and make such suggestions to our representatives as would tend to equalize more effectually the returns of manufacturers. A certain portion of this work was assigned to me, which I have investigated and beg to

I respectfully call your attention to the report of the Hon. J. P. Derham, comptroller general, for the fiscal year Is 99, page 137. Under the head of "Average value of property appertaining to manufacturing," you will see deposited in the Bethel cemetery by the that the total value of all material used side of loved ones. The service was in the State by manufacturers was for the last fiscal year valued at \$1,955,-429. Of this amount Aiken county returned \$349,926 or nearly 18 per cent of the entire amount. When you take into .consideration the fact that the only manufacturing interest in Aiken county during that fiscal year was confined to the Graniteville, Langley and Aiken Manufacturing cempany's cotten mills, the return of the State at large, as shown by the comptroller general's report, is absurd. Sections 229 and 230 of the revised statutes provide the manner of ascertaining the value of the material used by manufacturers and should have been entorced and not allow Aiken county, whose spindle capacity is very small when compared with other counties throughout the State, pay 18 per cent of the entire tax on material used by the manufacturing interest in the State, simply because they make a ust return.

On January 1, 1900, there were in operation in the State of South Caroline 1,848,254 spindles engaged in the manufacture of cotton. A conservative estimate of their cost, on real estate, mil's, machinery, fixtures and tenements would be \$20 per spindle, and at the usual ratio of 65 per cent for this class of property would represent a taxable vs.ue of \$17,527,302. To this should be added sundry supplies, stock in process and materials on band, or \$3 00 per spindle, giving an additional taxable value of \$4.044,-926, or a total return for taxes for the 1,348,224 spindles of \$21,572,264 or a of a pleasant nature that transpired ratio of \$16 00 for taxation.

What do we find? The returns from 13 counties, including 56 corporations having 1,217,087 spindles or fully 90 per cent of the State's total spindles, shows only \$11,811,415, or a ratio of only \$8 76 per spindle for all purposes of all values, or less than 55 per cent of what it should be.

In these returns we find mills re-turned as lew as \$4.23 per spindle, and as high as \$20.18 total for taxation. Forty-three per cent of the returns those who have no hope, for they show that they have paid taxes on ma- are now at rest and awaiting your terials; 57 per cent were not taxed on coming. materials, some mills poid as high as \$5.75 per spindle on materials, others a week with frieuds and relatives, has of the 15 per cent returning material returned to Commbia for taxation returned .05 per spindle Mr. J. L. Cauthen paid a flying visit for taxation returned .05 per spindle is a very conservative estimate for materials; yet the total of material returns for 1,217,087 spindles was \$838,-491, and this item should have been, as shown above. \$4,044.962. Now, with these fac's before our representatives, they cannot fail to see that it is necessary to adopt some uniform method or system for the taxation of

cotton mills. My idea is a spindle basis for the entire plants throughout the Stats, to make our old friend Mr. G. H. M. a cover real estate and machinery, and little vain I could say something as a sworn statement of the materials, good of him.

T. B. M'K a sworn statement of the materials, stock in precaus, sundry supplies, etc., itemized from the books of the corporation and filed with the auditor, when other returns are made, and a law making it the duty of the comptroller general to see that the law is complied with and the proper returns made.

Bespectfully submitted, Dare H. Wise.

STATE COLLEGES

Mr. Editor: Passe publish the fol lowing extract from a sermon preached in Charlotte, N. C., December 30th, 1900, by Rev. Jno. W. Stagg, D. D G. H. McMaster.

"This is the place (Charlotte) for a university, more fitting than any other in the Southland, and beyond a doubt one can be eracted here that would tower in its magnificence above anything in the commonwealth of a denominational character. And while I say it is the duty of every loyal son mittee [clerkship in the senate. - The of the church to crown with glory the State. school of his own denomination, at the same time he should fight to the death the man that opposes any appropriation for the State University. If there is anything that North Carolinians need more than another, it is to leave the narrowness that has characterized the life of the State for more than a handred years regarding an institution that is glorious in its history; that I as been a benefaction to the State in its products, that is now more potent in bringing North Carolina from the zero mark on the thermometer of intelligence to a high and enlightened culture than anything that belonge to the State."

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

MOSSYDALE ITEMS

The Community Greatly Saddened by the Death of Joel W Ashford .- Motherly Kindness not Forgottem

Times are very dull in this section and I scarcely know what to write many readers, for if they are like me they are interested in the local correspendence and by that means we keep informed of the many happenings throughout the county. Since my last our neighborhood has been called upon to witness two burials, one a promisof our young people and highly respected by them. I refer to our young us. He was so far from home and from this neighborhood was so slim. conducted by Rev. Mr. Spigener. The other was one of our old neigh-

bors, Mr. Joel W. Ashford, who died auddenly at his home on Thursday last. Mrs. Ashford was on a visit in Columbia at the time. In response to a telegram she came up that night. Hi- daughters, Mrs. Bates of St. Matthews, and Miss Mamie of Atlanta, burial. His remains were interred in the family burying ground at Mr. services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Spigener at the house by the reading of the service and also by a very appropriate address. Mr. Ashford was seventy years of age He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Horeb for many years and a consciention and devoted Christian gentleman. He did all that it was possible for him to do in supporting and upbuilding the interests of his church. He was a good neighbor and beloved by the community. He gave his services to his country in 1862 by joining Co. G, 3rd S. C. V. Infantry, James Battation, and was promoted to sergeant. He discharged his duty as a seldier should do, never shrinking from duty or shurking danger. He was wounded several times while in service. Well do I recall in my mind many incidents during that eventful period which showed what a true man he was. I am the only surviving member of his original mess, which was composed of David Martin, Wm. Craig and T. B. McKinstry. Thus one by one the ranks are broken, but we hope to meet each other in that great army where there shall be no more war, but where love reigns supreme. The bereaved families have our sympathies extended to them, and can say: "Weep not as

Miss Ola McKinat

for taxes. Three dollars per spindle to Columbia on Saturday last return. ing the next day bringing with him Mrs. L C. Gibson of Columbia who will spend some time in this neighborbood.

I was much interested in the narrative of Mrs. McMaster which you published a few days ago, all of which I can attest to, for I well remember her motherly kindness shown to the old S. C. Vets It was surely a home inueed, and if I thought it would not good of him. Jap. 21st, 1900.

The Mother's Favorite

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the mother's favorite It is pleasant and safe for children to take and always cures. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is the best medicine made for these diseases. There is not the least danger in giving it to children for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a bahe as to an adult. For rale by McMaster Co , druggistz.

The year 1900 seemed to be ill fated for the name of Evans. Col. W. D. Evans and Maj. B. B. Evans were defeated for railroad commissioner, and Capt. N. G. Evans of Edgefield, and Mr. W. Boyd Evans of Marion, were defeated for the house of representatives. Yesterday Capt. N. G. Evans was defeated for code commissioner. Mr. W. Boyd Evans has landed a com-

Little Clara, aged four, was in the habit of asking God in her prayers to bless her father, mother, and Miss Brown, her governess. One evening, not feeling kindly disposed towards the latter, she concluded her pra er as follows: "Dod bwess my papa and matca but 'ou needn't bozzer 'bout Miss Brown dis time."

The Kind You Have Always Bought CASTORIA. Chart Fletcher.

Barber: "I've got a preparation that will prevent your hair from felling out." Customer: "But you are baldheaded yourself." Barber: "That's very true, but you overlook the fact that a baldheaded man is never troubled by hair falling out."-Roxbury

piles, sores and skin diseases acquired good character and ability. A valuaby DeWitt's Witch Hazel Saive, has ble contract, carrying renewals, will led to the making of worthless counter- be given to the right man. Address, feits. Be sureto get only DeWitt's W. J. RODDEY, Mgr., Rock Hill, Saive. McMaster Co.

VENEZUELA CASE IS STILL VERY CRITICAL

The Seizure of Ships and Insurgents Activity are Reported from the South American Republic

Pert of Spain, Trinidad, British and I scarcely know what to write West Indics, Jan. 21, via Haiten about that would be of interest to your cable—The arrivals to-day from Venezuela confirm the reports of the existence of a critical condition of affairs in that republic. A former Venezuelan minister asserts that the politicians at Caracas are making a determined raid on the Bermudez Asphalt company. He adds that they tried it before on a modest scale, squeezing \$30 000 out of the company, ing young men who had just entered when United States Minister Loomis manhood and the enjoyment of life, protested and stopped further action one who was known to a great many of this description. The government, the minister also says, listened o reason then, but has now lost its head, through greed, and offers to restore friend, Mr. W. H. Crawford, the news the company's preperty for a million of whose death came so unexpected to dollars, although it is said to have been illegally taken by a dictatorial decree. In addition, the assertion is loved ones. I am sorry the turnout again made that if foreign govern ments permit the action of the Venez-The day and time of burial were not uelan authorities to pass without some sufficiently known. The remains were protest all foreign investors will be driven from South America, for the latter claim they are always being illegally plundered. In this connection the assertion is made that no former Venezuelan gevernment would have dared to act as this one does toward Washington. It is explained that the Venezuelan anthorities are counting on the disinclination of strong nations to coerce weak ones.

At the office here of the Orinoco company, those whose two steamers were recently seized by the Venezuelan authorities, the manager says the came in the next day in time for the British minister at Caracas, Mr. Haggard, las informed the American minister that the British government will not protect the company because its D. G. Ruff's in the presence of a con- shareholders are Americans. The course of relatives and friends. The company is said to be losing heavily through the seizure of the steamers.

The commander of the French cruiser Suchet, stationed at Carupano for the protection of the large French interests in that vicinity, reports that disturbances are increasing

The insurgents of Ven zuela have just gained a battle near Guiria.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks Prof. Roxa Tyler. of Chicago, Viceresident Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine unset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by McMaster Co., druggists.

Minister: "So you saw some boys fishing on the Sabbath, my young man. Did you do anything to discourage them?" Small boy: "Yes, sir. I stole their bait."-Exchange.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or sets liam Rosborough, deceased, as may evidence of kid-

ney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and blad-

der are out of order. What to Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so

often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinery passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this

and a book that tells more about it, both sent more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Home of Swamp-Root. Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

#### Administrator's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF the Probate Court for Fairfield County, I will offer for sale, on Satuaday, he 19th day of January, 1901, at the building in rear of Law Range, all that stock of goods and merchandise, consisting of Canned Goods, Tohacco, Cigars, Flour and other groceries, that belongs to the estate of William M. Rosborough, deceased.

Terma of Sale: Cash. J. E. McDONALD, 17th Jan., 1901. Administrator.

#### Executors' Notice.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the estate of Mrs. Jane Lauderdale, deceased, are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned, duly attested; and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make payment to the undersigned.

T. W. LAUDERDALE, G. R. LAUDERDALE, Executors of Will of Jane Landerdale. 1 18-3 W

THE POSITION OF RESIDENT Life Assurance Society for Winnsboro | duly attested; and all persons indebted The merited reputation for cugrin and vicinity is opened to a man of to said estate will make payment forth-9-18td

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I have been suffering for three years from Anasarca or general Dropsy of the cellular tissue, caused from the liver and Kidneys. My physicians said that I could last but a short time. I was unable to lie down except shortly after being tapped. Every tissue was completely filled and saturated with fluid. Three-quarters of a gallon was drawn from scrotum several times.

I was completely filled at the time I began using Vaughn's Lithontriptic, perfectly helpless, legs terribly initiamed and exuding fluid. I was unable to get any rest or sleep except while under the influence of an opiate. I have used eight bottles of Vaughn's Lithontriptic and am now comfortable and able to attend to my business. I can now ride my horse, a thing had been unable to do for nearly two years. Hole and and to attend to information and the statement as you desire. I am glad to give it, as some poor sufferer You may publish as much of my statement as you desire. I am glad to give it, as some poor sufferer may be benefited by it.

Yours truly,
R. J. BETSILL, Maj. 18th Reg. S. C. Vols., 1860.

Since then this gentleman writes under date of Aug. 11, 1900: "Vaugho's Lithontriptic has effected a permanent cure. I have had no return so far, and am now enjoying good health."

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NOTICE OF

# Application for the Appointment of Guardian.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in the I found it was pleasant to take and it office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Fairfield County for the appointment of the Judge of Probate as guardian of the estates of the following minors, to wit: William Rosbcrough, Robert Rosborough and Alexander Rosborough; and the application for such appointment will be made to his Honor George W. Gage, Judge of the Sixth Circuit, at his Chambers, Chester, S. C., at 9 o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 21-t day of January, 1901, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

The estates of said minors consist of undivided interests in a house and lot in the town of Winnsboro, and such interests as they may have in the tling indicates and remain after the payment of his debts; unhealthy condi- and the said William Rostorough and unhealthy condi-tion of the kid-Robert Rosborough joint!, 'ave an your sigen it interests of five handred dollars each life insurance in their

said minors, eve insurance, will not amount than two hundred dollars each. The petition and application is made up in the ground that no fit, competent or responsible person can be found who is willing to assume the guardianship of said minors.

OLIVIA ROSBOROUGH,

J. E. McDONALD, Attorney for Petitioner

## Extract from Ordinances.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF COUNCIL.

Be it further ordained, That any person or persons who shall deposit or have deposited, in the streets any rubbish, refuse or fith of any kind. creating thereby an offensive odor shall remove the same immedia ely upon notification, or be fined in a sum not exceeding five dollars.

2. That it shall not be lawful any person or persons to obstruct the public streets, sidewalks or water-drains in any way whatever, under a peralty of from one dollar to five dollars for each and every offence.

3. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons making or using any cellar-door upon the sidewalks or pavemant to allow the same to be Ar, above a level with said sidewalks or pavements, under a penalty of one dollar per day for each and every day said cellar-door remains as an ob-truction after notification of the same.

4. That it shall not be lawful for any two-wheeled vehicle to run upon the sidewalks (with the exception of infants' carriages); and any person violating this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of one dollar for each and every offence: Provided, that on certain occasions permission may be temporarily granted by the Intendant for such vehicles to run on the sidewalks. It has been brought to the notice of the Town Council that this ordinance is being violated. Notice i- hereby FRANKS. GANNON,
given that it will be hereafter strictly
Third V-P. & Gen. Mgr.,
Washington, D. C.

J. E COAN. enforaca. Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons holding claims against the estate of William M. Rosborough, Special Agent of the Equitable | deceased, are required to present them.

> with to the undersigned. J. E McDONALD, Administrator Estate William M. Rosborough, deceased. 17th Jan. 1901.

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Intendant. W. M. Cathcart, Supervisor of Registration.

Notice to Voters

The Books of Registration for regis-

tering voters for the next municipal

election to be held on Monday, April

1st, 1901, for Intendent and Wardens

for the town of Winnsbore, S. C., will

be opened at Mr. Jno. M. Smith's

store January 1st, 1901, and closed

All voters for this election must

register within this time. Each ap-

plicant for registration must produce his county registration certificate and

town tax receipt for all town taxes

due before he can register for town

J. E. COAN,

March 31st, 1901.

# Tax Returns.

THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AU. 45a ditor will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February 6 00a 6 25p for the purpose of seceiving tax re-7 85a 8 50p 0 12a 11 25p 11 85a 2 56a 2 03p 6 18a turus. Returns to be made of all personal property A penalty of 50 per cent will be added when parties fail to thin the shove

> urn of same. The Anditor or Deputy will be at the fellowing places on the days specined: Albion, Tuesday, January 15.

Buckherd, Wednesday, January 16. Wolling, Thursday, January 17. Crosbyville, Friday, January 18 Woodward, Tuesday, January 22. White Oak, Wednesday, January 23. Gladdens Grove, Thursday, January

Frint Hill, Friday, January 25. Longtown, Tuesday, January 29. Centreville, Wednesday, January 30. M. L. Cooper's, Thursday, January

8 10a 9 55p 8 55a 10 45p 9 25a 11 20p 10 18a 12 10a 6 30p 11 20a 1 15a 10 30p 1 51p 6 82a 11 00p 1 43p 6 48a Blythewood, Friday, February 1. Ridgeway, Tuesday, February, 5. Horeb (a urlee's Store), Wednesday, Februar, 6 Jenkinsville, Thursday, Februar, 7. Monticello, F.i ay, February 8. J. L. RICHMOND

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